



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4758.40 Independent counselor license requirements.

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An individual seeking an independent chemical dependency counselor license shall meet the requirements of division (A) or (B) of this section.

(A) To meet the requirements of this division, an individual must meet all of the following requirements:

(1) Hold from an accredited educational institution at least a master's degree in a behavioral science or nursing that meets the course requirements specified in rules adopted under section 4758.20 of the Revised Code;

(2) Have not less than the number of hours specified in rules adopted under section 4758.20 of the Revised Code of compensated work or supervised internship experience in any of the following, not less than twenty per cent of which are in chemical dependency counseling:

(a) Chemical dependency services, substance abuse services, or both types of services;

(b) The practice of psychology, as defined in section 4732.01 of the Revised Code;

(c) The practice of professional counseling, the practice of social work, or the practice of marriage and family therapy, all as defined in section 4757.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) Have a minimum of the number of hours specified in rules adopted under section 4758.20 of the Revised Code of training in chemical dependency that meets the requirements specified in those rules;

(4) Unless the individual holds a valid license, registration, certificate, or credentials issued under another chapter of the Revised Code that authorizes the individual to engage in a profession whose scope of practice includes chemical dependency counseling and diagnosing and treating chemical



dependency conditions, pass one or more examinations administered pursuant to section 4758.22 of the Revised Code for the purpose of determining competence to practice as an independent chemical dependency counselor.

(B) To meet the requirements of this division, an individual must meet both of the following requirements:

(1) Hold, on December 23, 2002, a certificate or credentials that were accepted under former section 3793.07 of the Revised Code as authority to practice as a certified chemical dependency counselor III or certified chemical dependency counselor III-E;

(2) Meet one of the following requirements:

(a) Hold the degree described in division (A)(1) of this section;

(b) Have held a chemical dependency counselor III, II, or I certificate for at least eight consecutive years and have not less than forty clock hours of training on the version of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders that is current at the time of the training. The training must meet the requirements specified in rules adopted under section 4758.20 of the Revised Code. An individual authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery, a psychologist licensed under Chapter 4732. of the Revised Code, or a licensed professional clinical counselor or independent social worker licensed under Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code may provide any portion of the training. An independent chemical dependency counselor licensed under this chapter who holds the degree described in division (A)(1) of this section may provide the portion of the training on chemical dependency conditions.